

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks that follow hereinafter.

Claims 1 – 9, 11 – 29, 31 – 35 and 37 – 41 have been canceled.

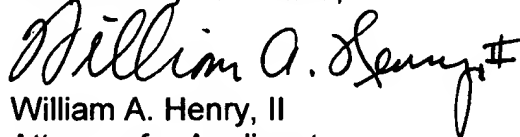
Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Follis in view of Goodrich et al. This rejection is now believed moot since claim 17 has been canceled.

Claims 10, 30 and 36 are allowed.

Claim 41 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant requests removal of this objection and allowance of claim 41 since the claim has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of base claim 17.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks the subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, further consideration and allowance of the subject application is requested. If the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, please call Applicant's Attorney, William A. Henry, II at (585) 385-3798.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Henry, II", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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